

The Cask of Amontillado Lesson 2

Lesson Overview

Title: The Cask of Amontillado Lesson 2

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Subject: English Language Arts

Grade Level(s): 9–12

Duration: Two days.

Unit Description

This unit has four lessons. Lesson two will include the actual reading of the story and periodic checks for understanding.

Lesson Description for Day

This lesson will cover two days of the unit over The Cask of Amontillado. Prior knowledge will be discussed, students will select a method to read or listen to the story and then summarize the reading for that day in an on-line journal.

State Standards

Standards can be found at the following links:

<http://www.ncte.org/standards>

<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter110/ch110c.html>

Goals

Unit Goals:

The goals of this unit are:

- to learn new literature as it relates to the setting and era of the story.
- investigate the use of irony, foreshadowing and any additional literary concepts.
- practice using context to identify word meanings.
- learn more about the life and works of Edgar Allen Poe.
- evaluate the relationship of the story time to today.
- learn about the traditions of the characters such as carnival.

Students will also incorporate technology into the unit through a variety of methods.

Lesson Goals:

Lesson two will guide students through the reading of the story and incorporate understanding assessments throughout. Students will be given the following options of how they want to read the story:

- small group
- MP3 player
- computer Web site
- traditional book

There will be an overview at the beginning to re-iterate the setting and time frame of the story and a reminder to check vocabulary meanings as needed from the flash cards created in lesson one.

Students will complete the story in sections, check for understanding, discuss and journal and/or blog regarding meaning.

Methods

Anticipatory Set:

The following will be used to lead into the story:

- Samples of bricks like were used in the story will be stacked in one corner of the classroom the day before we start reading.

- Students will discuss trips they may have taken to a carnival or fair. Comparisons will be made with what they see as a carnival and what the carnival of the story was. Students will be asked to recall vocabulary related to the carnival.

Introduce and Model New Knowledge:

Students will be introduced to new vocabulary in the previous lesson. An example of the bricks from the story will be given at the beginning along with a discussion about carnivals. Students will be given assistance with using MP3 players if needed.

Provide Guided Practice:

Students will be given a choice of how they want to read or listen to the story. A demonstration of the MP3 player will be provided prior to reading.

Provide Independent Practice:

Students will read or listen to the story while the teacher monitors the class for behavior or assistance needs.

Wrap-Up

At the end of the story, students will review their journal and the teacher will provide a summary of the days readings. A brief introduction will be given for the next lesson.

Assessment

Formative/Ongoing Assessment:

Students will be assessed through observation, communication and feedback, participation in discussions and an evaluation of the journal entries they made.

Summative/End Of Lesson Assessment:

The end of lesson assessment will be based on active participation of the student in a group discussion, vocabulary exam using an on-line survey and the students ability to summarize sections of the story based on journal entries they have made.

Web Sites

- CK's Text to Speech for Mac
http://download.cnet.com/CK-s-Text-to-Speech-to-MP3/3000-2140_4-191899.html#rateit
Conversion software for text to speech for Mac.
- Flash Card Vocabulary
<http://www.studyhive.com/>
Flash card site for vocabulary words from The Cask of Amontillado.
- The Cask of Amontillado Story
Web version of the story The Cask of Amontillado by Edgar Allen Poe

Video & Audio Resources

- 9th Grade Video Example
<http://voicethread.com/share/14555/>
9th grade class video example for The Cask of Amontillado. Great pictures.
- MP3 Version The Cask of Amontillado
MP3 version of the The Cask of Amontillado for use on an MP3 player.
- On-line The Cask of Amontillado Story
<http://fayette.k12.in.us/~cbeard/amontillado.html>
On-line version of The Cask of Amontillado.
- The Cask of Amontillado Story
http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Cask_of_amontillado_poe_vbp.ogg
Story reading on the Web in .ogg format. (Creative commons)

Other Resources

- Carnival PowerPoint
<http://docs.google.com/present/edit?id=0Aca58HAfTcPdZGhzM3pyaDRfNDhraHpja21mcQ&hl=>

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Information about carnival as presented in the story.

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